



Derby/Oaks Update

Tuesday, April 24, 2018

PLETCHER ARMY TRAINS AT CHURCHILL DOWNS IN PREPARATION FOR FIRST SATURDAY IN MAY

LOUISVILLE, Ky. (Tuesday, April 24, 2018) – Trainer Todd Pletcher's four Kentucky Derby Presented by Woodford Reserve (Grade I) hopefuls arrived at Churchill Downs at 2:30 Monday afternoon with the trainer following a few hours later. On Tuesday morning, it was back to work.

At 7:30, during the special training window set aside for Kentucky Derby and Oaks horses, the Pletcher quartet exited Barn 40 and made their way to the track through a light rain with all galloping 1 3/8 miles over a sealed, sloppy track.

Robert and Lawana Low's undefeated **Magnum Moon** was partnered by Nick Bush, China Horse Club International, Head of Plains Partners, Starlight Racing and WinStar Farm's Florida Derby (GI) winner **Audible** was partnered by Amelia Green, WinStar Farm and Repole Stable's Louisiana Derby (GII) winner **Noble Indy** had Carlos Cano aboard and Repole Stables and St. Elias Stable's Wood Memorial (GII) winner **Vino Rosso** had Adele Bellinger aboard.

"They all handled the ship well (from Palm Beach Downs) and I thought they performed well this morning and the sloppy conditions were no issue," said Pletcher, who won his second Kentucky Derby last year with **Always Dreaming**.

Pletcher has riders confirmed for three of his hopefuls: two-time Derby winner John Velazquez on Vino Rosso, Luis Saez on Magnum Moon and Javier Castellano on Audible. Noble Indy's rider is to be determined.

All four colts come into Derby 144 off victories and Pletcher plans to give them a work here this week.

"I am leaning toward Friday (rather than Saturday)," Pletcher said. "It will depend on the weather and it looks like there may be some rain Friday afternoon."

Pletcher plans to have his charges do some paddock schooling beginning Wednesday of Derby Week with gate schooling sessions to be determined.

BRAVAZO – Calumet Farm's Bravazo galloped 1 1/2 miles Tuesday morning at 7:30 with exercise rider Danielle Rosier aboard for Hall of Fame trainer D. Wayne Lukas.

"I think he's training really well," Lukas said. "I think we'll keep the race honest. That's the best way to put it. I don't think he has any limitations at 1 1/4 miles."

Lukas has not confirmed a jockey for Bravazo.

COMBATANT/ DREAM BABY DREAM/RERIDE/ SNAPPER SINCLAIR – Hall of Fame trainer Steve Asmussen's quartet of Arkansas Derby (GI) fourth-place finisher **Combatant** (No. 19), Risen Star (GII) runner-up **Snapper Sinclair** (No. 21), UAE Derby (GI) third-place finisher **Reride** (No. 23) and Sunland Derby second-place

finisher **Dream Baby Dream** (No. 24) all trained early Tuesday morning prior to the exclusive Derby/Oaks training session at 7:30.

Their Kentucky Derby statuses remain in flux.

FLAMEAWAY – John Oxley's Flameaway jogged a mile and galloped a mile under Chris Garraway during the 7:30-7:45 training window for Derby and Oaks horses.

The **Mark Casse** trainee, who will be ridden in the Derby by Jose Lezcano, is scheduled to work Saturday.

FREE DROP BILLY/PROMISES FULFILLED – Albaugh Family Stables' Blue Grass (GII) third **Free Drop Billy** and Robert Baron's Fountain of Youth (GII) winner **Promises Fulfilled** jogged one mile Tuesday morning for trainer Dale Romans.

Both horses are expected to breeze this weekend, according to Romans.

GOOD MAGIC – e Five Racing Thoroughbreds and Stonestreet Stables' Good Magic galloped 1 1/2 miles under exercise rider Walter Malasquez during the 7:30-7:45 training period for Derby and Oaks horses.

Trainer **Chad Brown** was on hand to watch the morning activity after spending the past couple of days in Ocala, Florida.

"I am pretty much here (through the Derby)," Brown said. "There may be one day when I go back up to New York."

The champion 2-year-old of 2017 who is fresh off a victory in the Blue Grass Stakes (GII) is scheduled to have his final pre-Derby work here this week.

"It will depend on the weather but most likely Saturday," Brown said of the work day.

Brown said Good Magic would do some paddock schooling prior to the Derby and may visit the starting gate "because the gate crew likes to see them (before the race)."

HOFBURG – Juddmonte Farms' Hofburg, runner-up in the Florida Derby in his most recent start, was expected to arrive at Churchill Downs around noon Tuesday from Payson Park in South Florida according to trainer **Bill Mott**.

Irad Ortiz Jr. has the Derby mount.

LONE SAILOR – G M B Racing's Louisiana Derby (GII) runner-up **Lone Sailor** galloped 1 1/2 miles at 6 o'clock under exercise rider Maurice Sanchez for trainer Tom Amoss.

The colt is scheduled to breeze this week, according to Amoss.

MY BOY JACK – Don't Tell My Wife Stables, Monomoy Stables and West Point Thoroughbreds' My Boy Jack galloped a little more than 1 1/4 miles under exercise rider Peedy Landry for trainer Keith Desormeaux.

Julie Clark, assistant to Desormeaux, said the trainer is expected to be in Louisville sometime Thursday with a work scheduled for Saturday.

Kent Desormeaux has the mount on My Boy Jack.

SHAPING UP: THE KENTUCKY DERBY – Likely starters in the 144th running of the \$2 million, Grade I Kentucky Derby Presented by Woodford Reserve to be run for 3-year-olds at 1 1/4 miles on Saturday, May 5: **Audible** (jockey Javier Castellano), **Bolt d'Oro** (Victor Espinoza), **Bravazo** (TBA), **Enticed** (Junior Alvarado), **Firenze Fire** (Paco Lopez), **Flameaway** (Jose Lezcano), **Free Drop Billy** (Robby Albarado), **Good Magic** (Jose Ortiz), **Hofburg** (Irad Ortiz Jr.), **Instilled Regard** (TBA), **Justify** (Mike Smith), **Lone Sailor** (James Graham), **Magnum Moon** (Luis Saez), **Mendelsohn** (Ryan Moore), **My Boy Jack** (Kent Desormeaux), **Noble Indy** (TBA), **Promises Fulfilled** (Corey Lanerie), **Solomini** (Flavien Prat), **Vino Rosso** (John Velazquez).

Possible starters within the Top 20 on the preference list: **Combatant** (TBA).

Next up in order of preference: **Snapper Sinclair** (TBA), **Blended Citizen** (Kyle Frey), **Reride** (TBA), **Dream Baby Dream** (TBA), **Restoring Hope** (TBA), **Sporting Chance** (TBA), **Givemeaminit** (TBA) and **Pony Up** (TBA).

KENTUCKY DERBY JOCKEYS

Horse	Jockey	Derby Record
Audible	Javier Castellano	11-0-0-0
Bolt d'Oro	Victor Espinoza	9-3-0-1
Bravazo	TBA	
Enticed	Junior Alvarado	1-0-0-0
Firenze Fire	Paco Lopez	
Flameaway	Jose Lezcano	5-0-1-0
Free Drop Billy	Robby Albarado	14-0-1-2
Good Magic	Jose Ortiz	3-0-0-0
Hofburg	Irad Ortiz	2-0-0-0
Instilled Regard	TBA	
Justify	Mike Smith	23-1-4-1
Lone Sailor	James Graham	
Magnum Moon	Luis Saez	5-0-0-0
My Boy Jack	Kent Desormeaux	21-3-1-4
Noble Indy	TBA	
Promises Fulfilled	Corey Lanerie	3-0-1-0
Solomini	Flavien Prat	1-0-0-1
Vino Rosso	John Velazquez	19-2-1-0

ROAD TO THE KENTUCKY DERBY LEADERBOARD PRESENTED BY WOODFORD RESERVE

#	Horse	Trainer	Points
1	Magnum Moon	Todd Pletcher	150
2	Good Magic	Chad Brown	110
3	Audible	Todd Pletcher	110
4	Noble Indy	Todd Pletcher	110
5	Vino Rosso	Todd Pletcher	107
6	Bolt d'Oro	Mick Ruis	104
7	Enticed	Kiaran McLaughlin	103
8	Mendelsohn	Aidan O'Brien	100
9	Justify	Bob Baffert	100
10	\$-Flameaway	Mark Casse	70
11	Solomini	Bob Baffert	54
12	Bravazo	D. Wayne Lukas	54
13	My Boy Jack	Keith Desormeaux	52
14	Promises Fulfilled	Dale Romans	52
15	Free Drop Billy	Dale Romans	44
16	Lone Sailor	Tom Amoss	42
17	Hofburg	Bill Mott	40
18	Firenze Fire	Jason Servis	39
19	Combatant	Steve Asmussen	32
20	Instilled Regard	Jerry Hollendorfer	29
21	Snapper Sinclair	Steve Asmussen	22
22	\$-Blended Citizen	Doug O'Neill	22
23	Reride	Steve Asmussen	20
24	Dream Baby Dream	Steve Asmussen	20
25	Restoring Hope	Bob Baffert	20
26	Sporting Chance	D. Wayne Lukas	12
27	Givemeaminit	Dallas Stewart	12
28	Pony Up	Todd Pletcher	12

\$- Late Triple Crown Nominee

BARN LIST – KENTUCKY DERBY

Horse	Trainer	Barn
Lone Sailor	Tom Amoss	29
Combatant	Steve Asmussen	38
Dream Baby Dream	Steve Asmussen	38
Reride	Steve Asmussen	38
Snapper Sinclair	Steve Asmussen	38
Good Magic	Chad Brown	42
My Boy Jack	Keith Desormeaux	25
Flameaway	Mark Casse	36
Bravazo	D. Wayne Lukas	44
Sporting Chance	D. Wayne Lukas	44
Audible	Todd Pletcher	40
Magnum Moon	Todd Pletcher	40
Noble Indy	Todd Pletcher	40
Vino Rosso	Todd Pletcher	40
Free Drop Billy	Dale Romans	4
Promises Fulfilled	Dale Romans	4
Givemeaminit	Dallas Stewart	37

KENTUCKY OAKS UPDATE

BLAMED – Cleber Massey's Sunland Park Oaks winner **Blamed** jogged twice around a sealed, sloppy track at 6 o'clock under exercise rider **Luis Rojero** for trainer **Joel Marr**.

"We were going to go to the gate today, but with the rain we just jogged," Marr said. "Maybe it will be better tomorrow. We only get about 7 ½ inches of rain a year in El Paso. In April and May it (the weather forecast) is dry and dusty."

Ken Tohill, who has been aboard the filly in her past five starts that have resulted in victories by a combined 30 ½ lengths, will have the Oaks mount.

Blamed is scheduled to work Friday or Saturday, depending on weather.

Marr said that Massey will be here only for the day of the Oaks.

CHOCOLATE MARTINI – Double Doors Racing's Fair Grounds Oaks (GII) winner **Chocolate Martini** walked trainer Tom Amoss' Barn 29 shedrow Tuesday morning following her five-furlong breeze in 1:03.40 Monday morning.

CLASSY ACT/PATRONA MARGARITA – Carl Moore Management's Rachel Alexandra (GII) runner-up **Classy Act** galloped 1 ½ miles at 5:30 a.m. Tuesday with exercise rider **Simon Camacho** aboard for trainer Bret Calhoun.

In Calhoun's next string, Camacho was aboard **Craig Upham**'s Ashland (GI) third **Patrona Margarita** as she jogged one mile.

COACH ROCKS – Roddy Valente, RAP Racing, and West Point Thoroughbreds' Gulfstream Park Oaks (GII) winner **Coach Rocks** galloped 1 ½ miles for trainer **Dale Romans** with exercise rider **Adrian Vincencio** aboard.

"She looks better and better each day," Romans said.

The Oxbow filly is expected to have her final breeze prior to the Kentucky Oaks this weekend, according to Romans.

HEAVENHASMYNIKKI – Loooch Racing Stables' **Heavenhasmynikki** galloped 1 ½ miles during the 7:30-7:45 training window for Derby and Oaks horses with **Jake Radosevich** aboard for trainer **Anthony Quartarolo**.

Heavenhasmynikki is scheduled to work Friday.

MONOMOY GIRL/SASSY SIENNA/KELLY'S HUMOR – Monomoy Stables and Michael Dubb's probable Kentucky Oaks favorite **Monomoy Girl** galloped 1 5/8 miles Tuesday morning at 7:30 for trainer **Brad Cox** with regular exercise rider **David Garcia** aboard.

Monomoy Girl's stablemate, **Medallion Racing** and Jerry McClanahan's upset Fantasy Stakes (GIII) winner **Sassy Sienna** also galloped 1 ½ miles at 7:30 with **Edvin Vargas** up.

"That was a really solid effort in the Fantasy," Cox said. "I know how excited **Gary (Stevens)** is to ride her in the Oaks. It's been a good few weeks for our barn and I hope we can keep it going."

Needing three defections to get in the Oaks field at No. 17, Ike and Dawn Thrash's **Kelly's Humor** galloped 1 ½ miles.

All three fillies are stabled in Cox's Barn 22 at Churchill Downs.

MY MISS LILLY – Courtland Farms' Gazelle (GII) winner **My Miss Lilly** galloped 1 ½ miles under exercise rider **Emerson Chavez** for trainer **Mark Hennig**.

Joe Bravo has the Oaks mount on My Miss Lilly, who is expected to work Thursday.

WONDER GADOT – Gary Barber's Wonder Gadot galloped 1 ½ miles under exercise rider **Orlando Cross** for trainer **Mark Casse** during the 7:30-7:45 training period for Derby and Oaks horses.

Casse confirmed via text that **John Velazquez** would have the mount on Wonder Gadot in the Oaks. Velasquez has ridden the filly four times including a victory in the Demoiselle (GII).

Wonder Gadot is scheduled to work Friday or Saturday.

SHAPING UP: THE KENTUCKY OAKS – Likely starters in the 144th running of the \$1 million, Grade I Longines Kentucky Oaks to be run for 3-year-old fillies at 1 1/8 miles on Friday, May 4: **Blamed** (jockey Ken Tohill), **Chocolate Martini** (TBA), **Classy Act** (TBA), **Coach Rocks** (Saez), **Eskimo Kisses** (TBA), **Midnight Bisou** (TBA), **Monomoy Girl** (Florent Geroux), **My Miss Lilly** (Joe Bravo), **Patrona Margarita** (TBA), **Rayya** (Drayden Van Dyke), **Sassy Sienna** (Gary Stevens), **Take Charge Paula** (TBA), **Wonder Gadot** (John Velazquez).

Possible Starters within the Top 14 on the preference list: **Red Ruby** (TBA).

Next up in order of preference: **Exuberance** (TBA), **Heavenhasmynikki** (TBA), **Kelly's Humor** (TBA).

ROAD TO THE KENTUCKY OAKS LEADERBOARD

#	Horse	Trainer	Points
1	Midnight Bisou	Bill Spawr	160
2	Monomoy Girl	Brad Cox	154
3	Sassy Sienna	Brad Cox	115
4	My Miss Lilly	Mark Hennig	112
5	Chocolate Martini	Tom Amoss	100
6	Coach Rocks	Dale Romans	100
7	Rayya	Bob Baffert	90
8	Wonder Gadot	Mark Casse	84
9	Eskimo Kisses	Kenny McPeek	80
10	Take Charge Paula	Kiaran McLaughlin	70
11	\$-Blamed	Joel Marr	50
12	Patrona Margarita	Bret Calhoun	35
13	Classy Act	Bret Calhoun	30
14	Red Ruby	Kellyn Gorder	15
15	Exuberance	Ian Kruljac	15
16	Heavenhasmynikki	Anthony Quartarolo	11
17	\$-Kelly's Humor	Brad Cox	8

\$- Late Kentucky Oaks Nominee

BARN LIST – KENTUCKY OAKS

Horse	Trainer	Barn
Chocolate Martini	Tom Amoss	29
Classy Act	Bret Calhoun	23
Patrona Margarita	Bret Calhoun	23
Wonder Gadot	Mark Casse	36
Kelly's Humor	Brad Cox	22
Monomoy Girl	Brad Cox	22
Sassy Sienna	Brad Cox	22
My Miss Lilly	Mark Hennig	37
Blamed	Joel Mar	43
Heavenhasmynikki	Anthony Quartarolo	24
Coach Rocks	Dale Romans	4

ARRIVAL/FLIGHT SCHEDULES

Tuesday, April 24 – Florida

Horse	Trainer	Barn
Hofburg	Bill Mott	19

Saturday, April 28 – California

Horse	Trainer	Barn
Bolt d'Oro	Mick Ruis	TBA
Justify	Bob Baffert	33
Midnight Bisou	Bill Spawr	38
Rayya	Bob Baffert	33
Solomini	Bob Baffert	33

Sunday, April 29 or Monday April, 30 – New York

Horse	Trainer	Barn
Firenze Fire	Jason Servis	TBA

Monday, April 30 – Ireland

Horse	Trainer	Barn
Mendelssohn	Aidan O'Brien	17

Monday, April 30 – Florida

Horse	Trainer	Barn
Enticed	Kiaran McLaughlin	41
Take Charge Paula	Kiaran McLaughlin	41

Monday, April 30 – California

Horse	Trainer	Barn
Instilled Regard	Jerry Hollendorfer	41

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